

Prices and Prospects.

Market Even Quieter Than
Week Ago But There Are
Signs of a Change in Sight

Buyers Apathetic but Region
Senses Better Demand and
Firm Prices.

LESS FREIGHT CUT TALK

Considerable Variation in Sales of
Spot, Based Upon Quality, Use and
Eagerness of Some Sellers; High
Grade Coke Finds Buyers at \$2.25.

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PITTSBURGH, Dec. 7.—In some respects the coke market is quieter than it was a week ago, notwithstanding certain evidences in the region of slightly better demand and a firming tendency in prices. There is still considerable apathy on the part of buyers, both furnaces and foundries. The smelter demand is extremely light, and the dealers in domestic coke and heating coke generally, who should be active at this time of year, are decidedly apathetic, or what they call conservative.

There is nothing particularly the matter with the iron and steel trade, so far as a survey of the situation can determine, except that it is experiencing the year-end dullness that is invariably more or less in evidence, at this time. It is common talk that business men are waiting on freight rate revision, but that kind of talk is wearing out. No one can say that freight rate revision is in nearer prospect today than it was six months ago, and yet there was a very decided and important revival in the iron and steel trade in progress from about the middle of July to some time in October.

The coke consumers who are so uninterested in coke are more reflecting the attitude of their own customers. The foundries are evidently doing less business than formerly. As to the blast furnaces, the current market is not all being shipped, and most of the shipments that are being made are against old orders, current buying being extremely light. While there is no evidence that furnaces have been banking, it is no secret that the average furnace is not being pushed for tonnage. Practically no idle furnaces are scheduled for early resumption, while if the present dull pig iron market conditions for any length of time it is quite possible that a few furnaces will go out.

The spot furnace coke market is quotable around \$3.15 to \$3.25. There are no regular offerings of standard furnace coke yet to be produced at less than the maximum figure, but there are occasional offerings of one sort or another already drawn at less. If a fair sized inquiry should appear, say for 30 or 40 carsloads, there might be some over-enthusiastic seller willing to take the order at even less than \$3.00. But really standard coke sold in fair quantity this week at \$3.25, the seller having opportunity to dispose of more at the same figure. Offers at less have been turned down in some quarters, but one sale for shipment over December was made at \$3.15.

There should be much interest in first quarter and first half coke at this time in the region, but as matters stand there is scarcely any. Various contracts will expire at the end of this month but neither party is making any particular effort to renew. Some operators have a definite idea that they should get \$3.50 for first quarter, and if they were asked for a quotation on first half they might even see a high or price still. Some operators have still higher prices in mind, but such prices are not part of the market. The question until a good bit of coke has been taken out of the situation.

Foundry coke of standard grade remains quotable at \$4.00, but the market is far from strong at this figure and the price would probably be shaded if a few good sized inquiries should come out, producing the necessary competition. Some particular brands are held firmly at \$4.50, but the sales are relatively infrequent. A sale was made this week at \$4.00 for box car shipments. The market as a whole is quotable at about the same figures as a week ago.

Spot furnace \$3.15 to \$3.25
Contract furnace \$3.25 to \$3.50
Spot foundry \$4.00 to \$4.50

Pig iron continues dull in all districts. There are few actual declines taking the market as a whole, from week to week, but all prices are more or less soft and in most districts it is held that if any important inquiry should develop competition, would carry prices down a notch or two. In the Valley market quotations are nominally unchanged, but as a practical fact buyers in any tonnage would hardly have to pay the prices now mentioned as nominally the market. A couple months ago pig iron stocks seemed to be fairly well liquidated but it seems that stocks have been accumulating again. In basic iron a fresh lot of re-sale iron got into the situation two or three weeks ago and has since had rather a depressing effect. No prices are named on this iron but simply, simply stated that it can be bought "under

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 3, 1921.				WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 26, 1921.			
	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	18,489	4,392	14,047	42,080	18,439	4,068	14,471	41,170
Lower Connellsville	17,138	3,716	13,422	39,090	17,138	3,803	13,775	38,510
Totals	35,627	8,108	27,469	81,170	35,577	7,871	28,246	79,680

FURNACE OVENS	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	15,170	3,474	11,796	33,580	15,170	3,109	12,070	31,550
Lower Connellsville	6,056	1,242	5,770	14,220	6,056	1,213	5,708	11,910
Totals	22,156	4,716	17,566	47,800	22,156	4,313	17,778	43,460

MERCANT OVENS	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	6,269	1,015	2,251	9,400	6,269	965	2,301	9,500
Lower Connellsville	10,152	2,500	7,652	25,670	10,152	2,445	8,007	22,900
Totals	16,421	3,515	9,903	35,070	16,421	3,410	10,308	32,400

Production and Output.

More Activity and a Feeling
Of Encouragement Observable
In the Coke Region Last Week

COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

There was both increased activity and a feeling of encouragement in the coke region last week. Both furnace and merchant producers added plants and ovens to the producing list and output of both gained, the total having been 81,170, or 5,540 tons greater than during the preceding week. The merchant producers reduced the load held by the furnace plants. That production of both interests continued to increase is less the result of new business than it is of a quiet movement to accumulate at least fair sized stocks against the contingencies of delay in transportation during the winter months. Until last week the consumers were persistent in their refusal to stock, believing freight rate reductions were near at hand. Having abandoned discussion of this topic as futile at this time, there is a disposition to follow the time-honored custom of making some pre-Christmas coke preparations. The movement with doubtless to temporary unless the furnace situation undergoes a marked change by the first of the year.

Trade is even quieter than a week ago and there is a variety of prices determined by quality, use of coke and eagerness to make sales, but really standard spot furnace commands \$3.25; other grades down to \$2.00, or even below. Contract ranges \$2.25 to \$2.50; spot foundry, \$4.00 to \$4.50. The region has noticed a somewhat better demand and a stiffening tendency in prices.

Probably Only Pre-Christmas
Preparedness; If so, Is
Temporary.

677 MORE OVENS FIRED UP

Both Furnace and Merchant Operators
Bring Idle Plants Into Production;
Latter Reduce the Output of
Former; Regional Gain 5,540 Tons.

There was increased activity and a somewhat widely diffused feeling of encouragement in the coke trade last week. Both may prove to be more or less temporary, as is the habit of such moods during the quiet periods, and in all probability will be of that character, in view of the year-end slowing down in the iron and steel trades.

It has long been observed that for a few weeks preceding Christmas the coke trade perks up a bit even in the years of greatest dullness. It has been the habit of consumers to stock up in anticipation of a production slump following the holidays. This year the almost universal practice has been to refrain from stocking in the belief that a reduction in freight rates would come by special delivery or other quick method and thus make it possible to secure coke at a lower delivered cost. Much speculation along this line has been indulged, so much in fact that buying of coke has almost ceased.

Within the past week there have appeared certain evidences that the freight revisionists are beginning to realize that discussion is not hastening the date when lower rates will be made effective. Fairly well convinced that reductions will not take place as early as was expected the coke consumers who have been out of the market or have made no provisions for accumulating at least a little stock against possible interruptions in transportation during the winter, are evincing a disposition to add to their already slim stocks of coke through small purchases here and there in the region or by permitting larger shipments to come forward on contract. This movement has not taken on large proportions, and is not likely to, but it, rather than new business, is to be credited with having caused an increase in production during the past week which, it appears safe to predict, will be continued until Christmas week.

The furnace ovens again kept well to the front last week but the merchant plants took a spurt which considerably reduced the lead of the former. Notwithstanding the H. C. Frick Coke company fired up one additional plant and added a total of 271 to its active oven list, the gain of 5,540 tons in the furnace oven production as a whole was 2,440 tons less than it had been during the preceding week. The merchant's meaning, swelled their production over the week ending three idle plants and a total of 195 ovens into service. By this means they made a gain of 3,919 tons in weekly output as compared with a loss of 1,680 tons the week before.

Neither the furnaces nor the merchant ovens, except in a few cases, found it necessary to run full six days. The former observed a four and five day schedule while the latter ranged from six down to three, two or one. A small number of plants supplying furnaces which have been themselves maintaining a steady operating rate made a full run as has been the order since resumption.

The coal trade continues to be very much in the dumps insofar as coke region shipments are concerned. The winter weather of this week encouraged some hope that the market would betray some signs of life but they have not been noticeable.

The production of coke during the week ending Saturday, December 3, was 81,170 tons, credited to the two districts as follows: Connellsville, 42,080, an increase of 1,370 tons; Lower Connellsville, 39,090, an increase of 6,450 tons, or a total increase of 7,820 tons, as compared with a net increase of 5,540 tons the preceding week.

By interests the production was: Furnace, 48,000, a gain of 5,540 tons; merchant, 33,670, a gain of 3,310 tons as compared with a gain of 7,520 and a loss of 1,589 tons respectively during the week ended November 26.

The net gain in active ovens was 677, of which 271 were at furnace and 406 at merchant plants. The H. C. Frick Coke company added 271 ovens as follows: 50 at Collier, 100 at Leisenring No. 3, four at Mammoth, 50 at Phillips, 50 at Redstone and 100 at Union for the first time. Three merchant operations, American No. 2, 119 ovens, Starlight 160 ovens and Shamrock 50 ovens, were restored to activity.

More Furnaces in Blast.

Within the past few days another sack has been lighted by the Carnegie Steel company at Braddock, two at Mingo Junction and one of the Carrie group. The National Tube company has blown in a third sack at McKeesport.

COKE COMPANY
LITIGATION IN
FEDERAL COURT

Order Pro Confesso Issued at
Martinsburg, W. Va.,
Against Local Men.

NEW ACTION IS STARTED

Failure of the Southern Connellsville Coke company and the Split Coal & Coke company to make answer to a suit of G. W. Thompson and E. J. Barry of Connellsville and E. F. McNeil of Ironville, O., for accounting, filed in the United States District court for the northern district of West Virginia at Martinsburg, resulted in an order of the court that the bill be taken pro confesso (as if admitted) as to the defendants. The defendants have 30 days in which to appeal the ruling.

A similar order was filed in the case of the same plaintiffs against the Connellsville Fuel company, the Pennsylvanian Coke company, the Northern Connellsville Coke company, Charles Detwiler, J. L. Schick, F. E. Mackell and J. R. Davidson, it being set forth that they made their appearance by counsel but that no answer was filed.

The orders bear date of November 25.

The action, in general, is for an accounting of commissions taken by the Connellsville Fuel company between July 21, 1920, and December 31, 1920, in the sale of coke and coke for the Southern Connellsville Coke company in which the plaintiffs are minority stockholders. The suit also seeks to have an accounting of the dealings of the defendants as individuals with the Southern Connellsville company.

The original action in the case was filed in the circuit court of the West Virginia at Morgantown but on October 14 a new suit was started in the federal court and on November 15 the case in the circuit court was withdrawn. Following the filing of the revised action the defendants were given until November 5 to make answer.

A charge of managing the affairs of the Southern Connellsville Coke company "in and for their own interest and for their personal benefit and to the loss and damage of the other stockholders" is made against F. E. Mackell, Charles Detwiler and J. R. Davidson. In addition to failure to account for commissions on the sale of coke and coke through the Connellsville Fuel company, selling agency made up of members of the coke company, it is charged there were irregularities in the conduct of the business and that the by-laws of the corporation were changed to conform.

The Southern Connellsville Coke company operates under a West Virginia charter. Its plant is at Cheat Haven, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania.

Recently, on petition of the plaintiffs in the case, Dick Sherick of Uniontown was named as receiver of the Southern Connellsville Coke company. An audit of the books by a Pittsburgh firm of accountants is now under way and will be completed within two weeks, it was said.

The plaintiffs are represented by A. C. McInerney of Martinsburg, W. Va., formerly state senator, and at one time a solicitor for the department of justice.

Deal for Sale
Of Jamison Coal
Not Concluded

GREENSBURG, Dec. 2.—Although rumors have been flying thick and fast in Greensburg during the past 24 hours, that the Keystone Coal & Coke company has purchased the entire Jamison Coal & Coke company interests in Westmoreland county, for a consideration of more than \$200,000, officials of the Keystone Coal & Coke company denied that such a deal had gone through.

The high officials of the Keystone company admitted, however, that such a deal was being given consideration and that an investigation of the Jamison holdings in the Greensburg basin had been made. If the deal is consummated, the purchase price will be less than \$150,000.

CONSUMERS HAVE
43 DAYS' SUPPLY
OF COAL ON HANDS

Railroads Least, Gas Works
Best Prepared Against
Emergencies.

TOTAL 25 PER CENT LESS

Than the Maximum of 63,000,000 Accumulated by Consumers During the War; Rate of Consumption Much Lower Than During Boom in 1918.

COKE PRODUCTION

In Connellsville and Lower Connellsville Districts Compared With 1920.

The estimated production of coke in net tons in the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville districts, by weeks, with the total compared with the corresponding week of 1920, is shown in the following:

Week	Merch.	Furn.	Total	Total
Jan. 1	1,125	11,813	12,938	118,948
Jan. 8	2,350	14,450	16,800	240,350
Jan. 15	2,440	14,500	16,940	241,490
Jan. 22	2,480	14,550	17,030	239,060
Jan. 29	2,520	14,600	17,120	241,950
Feb. 5	2,560	14,650	17,210	242,380
Feb. 12	2,600	14,700	17,300	242,810
Feb. 19	2,640	14,750	17,390	243,240
Feb. 26	2,680	14,800	17,480	243,670
Mar. 5	2,720	14,850	17,570	244,100
Mar. 12	2,760	14,900	17,660	244,530
Mar. 19	2,800	14,950	17,750	244,960
Mar. 26	2,840	15,000	17,840	245,390
Apr. 2	2,880	15,050	17,930	245,820
Apr. 9	2,920	15,100	18,020	246,250
Apr. 16	2,960	15,150	18,110	246,680
Apr. 23	3,000	15,200	18,200	247,110
Apr. 30	3,040	15,250	18,290	247,540
May 7	3,080	15,300	18,380	247,970
May 14	3,120	15,350	18,470	248,400
May 21	3,160	15,400	18,560	248,830
May 28	3,200	15,450	18,650	249,260
Jun 4	3,240	15,500	18,740	249,690
Jun 11	3,280	15,550	18,830	250,120
Jun 18	3,320	15,600	18,920	250,550
Jun 25	3,360	15,650	19,010	250,980
Jul 2	3,400	15,700	19,100	251,410
Jul 9	3,440	15,750	19,190	251,840
Jul 16	3,480	15,800	19,280	252,270
Jul 23	3,520	15,850	19,370	252,700
Jul 30	3,560	15,900	19,460	253,130
Aug 6	3,600	15,950	19,550	253,560
Aug 13	3,640	16,000	19,640	253,990
Aug 20	3,680	16,050	19,730	254,420
Aug 27	3,720	16,100	19,820	254,850
Sep 3	3,760	16,150	19,910	255,280
Sep 10	3,800	16,200	20,000	255,710
Sep 17	3,840	16,250	20,090	256,140
Sep 24	3,880	16,300	20,180	256,570
Oct 1	3,920	16,350	20,270	257,000
Oct 8	3,960	16,400	20,360	257,430
Oct 15	4,000	16,450	20,450	257,860
Oct 22	4,040	16,500	20,540	258,290
Oct 29	4,080	16,550	20,630	258,720
Nov 5	4,120	16,600	20,720	259,150
Nov 12	4,160	16,650	20,810	259,580
Nov 19	4,200	16,700	20,900	260,010
Nov 26	4,240	16,750	20,990	260,440
Dec 3	4,280	16,800	21,080	260,870

NEW TIPIPLE IN USE

Blackstone Coal Company Puts \$10,000
In It and Equipment.

The Blackstone Coal company, composed of A. C. Stickle and C. E. Franks, Nov. 30 completed and put in commission a new tipple at its plant on the West Virginia line. The tipple connects the mine in Blackstone avenue with Morrell avenue, along the paved section.

The tipple is equipped with electric haulage. The tipple and equipment represent an expenditure of \$10,000.

Cars in Need of Repairs.

Tabulations show 333,613 freight cars in need of repairs on November 15 in American railroads, or 14.4 per cent of the cars on line, compared with 345,201, or 15 per cent on November 1.

Idle Freight Cars Increase.

The total number of freight cars idle because of business conditions on American railroads totaled 385,973 on November 23, or an increase of 61,287 over the total on November 15.

State Mine Made Money.

The superintendent of the mine owned by the state of South Dakota reports that the mine has paid all expenses and shows a profit net, to the state of \$3,000.

Lower Rates in Canada.

A reduction of 10 per cent in freight rates on Canadian railroads became effective December 1.

Monthly, Accumulated
Revenues of Baltimore &
Ohio Show Good Gains

The net railway operating income of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad during the month of October showed a gain of \$541,215, as compared with October, 1920. Total operating revenues were \$19,045,952, a decrease of \$5,959,448. Operating expenses, \$14,588,248, a decrease of \$5,413,153, which after deductions left the net income \$5,457,704, a gain of \$541,215 over last October.

For the 10 months of the present year revenues were \$167,216,736; expenses, \$130,781,701. After deductions the net becomes \$36,435,035, a gain of \$24,255,217, as compared with a deficit of \$5,561,523, October 31, 1920.

Railroad Patrons
Will Save Millions
By Repeal War Tax

It is estimated that the elimination of the war tax on transportation, which is one of the provisions of the new tax bill recently signed by President Harding, will save the traveling public of America \$20,000,000 and proportionately as much on freight in 1922.

The war tax, which has been in effect since early in 1918, has netted the government approximately \$350,000,000 annually. Its repeal, effective January 1, means a reduction of eight per cent in passenger rates and three per cent in freight rates for railroad patrons.

The saving of \$80,000,000 in passenger fares for 1922 is computed on the basis of passenger revenues totaling approximately \$1,000,000,000 for all the railroads.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company's passengers, it is estimated, will save \$14,000,000 annually, and shippers will save \$12,000,000.

FATAL ACCIDENTS

In State's Industries Decrease in November as Compared With October.

Fatal accident in industrial, mining and utility operations in Pennsylvania showed a marked decrease in November as compared with October.

The November list was 154 against 188 in the preceding month. The industrial fatalities number 47; mining, 88; and public utilities, such as railroads, 19. In October utility accidents were 378.

Furnaces to Start.

The Lockridge furnace of the Thomas Iron company is to be blown in today.

Sulphur Mines in Sicily.

There are nearly 600 sulphur mines in the island of Sicily.

JAMES H. PRICE DIES SUDDENLY AT DAWSON HOME

Secretary-Treasurer, Washington Coal Interests Heart Disease Victim.

WITH COMPANY 11 YEARS

High Tribute to Ability and Efficiency Paid by His Chief, M. M. Cochran of Uniontown; Stricken at 2 O'clock, Death Follows Soon Afterward.

James H. Price, 37 years old, secretary and treasurer for the last 11 years of the Washington Coal & Coke company and associated in the same capacity with its subsidiaries, the Washington Run Railroad company and the Star Supply company, and a director and vice-president of the First National bank at Dawson and Perryopolis, died suddenly Monday morning at his home at Dawson from heart disease.

While Mr. Price had not been well for several weeks and had spent some time taking treatment at Battle Creek, Mich., from which place he returned a week ago, he was able to attend to the duties of his office last week and was apparently as well as usual Sunday. During the week he made his periodic visit to the coke plants at Star Junction and on Sunday (passed with Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Bell, spending the remainder of the day at home and retiring at the usual hour. He was taken suddenly ill about 2 o'clock and expired at 3:30.

Previous to coming to Dawson, Mr. Price was connected for five or six years with the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal company of Pittsburgh, being head of the accounting department. Before that he was for several years district manager in Pittsburgh for the American Steel & Wire company and prior to his coming to the Pittsburgh district was connected with the same company of Chicago and Milwaukee. The latter city he considered his home, having spent the greater part of his life there.

Mr. Price was regarded as an expert accountant. "He was very strong in accounting. He was a man of fine character and made a fine business associate," said M. M. Cochran of Uniontown, head of the Washington Coal & Coke company, in commenting on the death of Mr. Price. "It will be difficult to fill his place," he added.

Mr. Price was born in Scotland April 20, 1884, and came to the United States when 11 years old. The family first located in Chicago and from that place Mr. Price went to Milwaukee. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Olive Vailier of Milwaukee. She died 15 years ago. The second wife, who was Louise McKenna of Cleveland, survives. Seven children were born to the first marriage, five of whom survive. They are: William J. Price, James H. Price, Jr., and John E. Price of Pittsburgh, Mrs. A. D. Dunbar, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Harry A. Lantz, Cleveland. Charles and Sarah B. are dead. There survive also two brothers, Theodore Price, LaSalle, Ill., and Thomas Price, Milwaukee.

For many years Mr. Price had been identified with fraternal organizations. He was a member of Franklin Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons, Pittsburgh, and had reached the 32nd degree in Freemasonry. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum at Milwaukee. In religion he was a Methodist, being a trustee and a member of the official board of Cochran Memorial Methodist Episcopal church at Dawson.

Private funeral services will be conducted tomorrow and in the evening the body will be taken to Milwaukee for burial.

Business Improves, Conditions Continue In Favorable Trend

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Continued improvement in business conditions in October, reflected notably in increased output of iron and steel and textile products, and also a widespread stimulation in building and allied industries, was reported by the Department of Commerce today in its "survey of current business."

While prices continued to decline slightly during October, the survey showed, the relative stability of prices as compared with preceding month, and the improved banking situation as evidenced by smaller loans and lower interest rates were cited as conditions favorable to continued business improvement.

West Penn to Shift Tracks at Valley Works

In connection with the removal of the four-way curves in its line at Home works, near Everson, the West Penn Railway company is shifting its line at Valley switch so as to eliminate a curve leading into the siding and also avoid the necessity for the new Pennsville-Everson road crossing the trolley line.

With the elimination of the "kink" at the siding there will be less wear and tear on equipment.

Survey's Funds Run Low.
Because funds of the Geological Survey are running so low the work cannot be carried on for the remainder of the fiscal year, the collection and publication of coal and coke production statistics may be transferred to the manufacturers division of the Census Bureau.

Car Loadings Gain.
Loading of revenue freight during the week ended November 19, totaled 786,871 cars. This was an increase of 33,525 cars over the week before.

Mine Fatalities Decreased 14 Per Cent in October

As the result of accidents in and about the coal mines of the country, 167 men lost their lives during October, according to reports received by the United States Bureau of Mines from the various state mine inspectors. This represents a decrease of 27 fatalities, or about 14 per cent, from the coal mine fatality record for October, 1920, in which month 194 men were killed. Based upon an estimated output of 51,321,000 short tons in October, 1921, the fatality rate is 3.25 per million tons produced. The corresponding rate for October 1920 was 3.22 and the production of coal was 60,200,000 tons. The production of coal during October, 1921, represents a decrease of 15 per cent.

The average number of lives lost during October of each year, from 1913 to 1920 has been 245. The production of coal has averaged 56,890,000 tons, showing a fatality rate of 4.38 per million tons as representative of the month of October for the past eight years.

Of the total number of fatalities in October of the present year, 131 occurred at bituminous mines throughout the country and 36 at the anthracite bituminous mines had 30 fatal accidents, an increase of one over October a year ago; West Virginia 30, a reduction of 3; Illinois 17, a reduction of 12; Ohio 12, no change; Kentucky 11, a decrease of 3; Indiana 5, a reduction of 7, and Alabama 2, a reduction of 2.

During the first ten months of the present year, 1,625 men have been killed by accidents at all coal mines, against 1,830 killed during the corresponding months of 1920, a decrease of 205 fatalities, or 13 per cent. The output of coal for the same months was 414,400,000 short tons in 1921 and 522,200,000 tons in 1920, a decrease during the present year of 111,800,000 tons, or 21 per cent. These figures represent a fatality rate of 3.93 per million tons mined in 1921 and 3.57 per million tons in 1920.

For the Pennsylvania anthracite mines alone, fatalities during the present year have averaged 44.3 per month, as compared with a monthly average of 41.2 during the first ten months of 1920, and the monthly output of coal has averaged 7,440,000 tons in 1921 as against 7,320,000 tons for the same period a year ago. The resulting fatality rates have therefore been 5.95 per million tons mined in 1921 and 5.59 per million tons mined in 1920. The number of fatal accidents in any one month reached its lowest point in September 1920, when only 20 men were killed, but in that month most of the mines were closed for about twenty days on account of a strike and the production of coal fell to 4,635,000 tons.

RAILROAD BOARD MAKES NEW RULES FOR SHOP CRAFTS

"Open Shop" Principle Recognized But Held Merely Theoretical Now.

ECONOMIES ARE SEEN

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—A decision recognizing the "open shop" principle as applied to the railroads and promulgating 148 new working rules to govern the six federated railroad shop crafts was handed down by the United States Railroad Labor Board today. The decision, which supplants the national agreements entered into by the employees with the United States Railroad Administration, will form the ground work on which the adjudication of all future wage disputes between railroads and their employees will be based.

The new rules will affect approximately 400,000 employees and become effective immediately. Provision for the representation of minorities who may have grievances is an important item of the new rules. Under the national agreement, negotiation for employees was placed almost wholly in the hands of labor organizations, with the result that the railroads and many industrial and civic institutions declared that the agreement forced a closed union shop on the roads. Non-union men found it impracticable to attempt to bring their grievances before the board.

"The principle of the open shop established by the new rules," a statement by board members said, "will in fact be more theoretical than practical at the present time, since a large majority of the railroad shops are unionized and the existing unions are recognized by the board and by the transportation act as representative of the majority."

The rules effective today broaden the scope of each craft's work. The machinist working on running repairs may connect or disconnect any wiring, coupling or pipe connections necessary to repair machinery or equipment. This work was previously assigned to electricians and sheet metal workers only.

Under the new rules engineers, firemen and crewmen are not prohibited from making such repairs to equipment on the lines of the road as they are qualified to perform. The new rule, thus allow train operatives to perform repair work, even though it is ordinarily considered shop mechanics' work.

Boilermakers' helpers under the new rules are given the job of removing and replacing grates. Under the national agreement all grate rigging work was assigned to journeyman boilermakers.

The classification of the work of the sheet metal workers, electrical

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, December 2, 1921.

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operators	Address
MERCHANT OVENS			
142	Beatty	Mc. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
150	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
150	Clary	Clary Coke Co.	Greensburg
40	Clatsburg	Corrado-Schenck Coke Co.	Connellsville
50	Ellen No. 2	Whitely Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
10	Franklin	Summit-Cville Coke Co.	Connellsville
101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
80	Grace	Corrado-Schenck Coke Co.	Connellsville
145	Helen	Samuel L. Lohf	Youngwood
145	Humphreys	Humphreys Coal & Coke Co.	Greensburg
15	Morgan	Corrado-Schenck Coke Co.	Connellsville
150	Mt. Braddock	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
110	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
10	Myers	Brownfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
45	Nellie	Nellie Coke Co.	Connellsville
425	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
430	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
200	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
30	Paul	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
140	Revere	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
40	Thomas	Whitely Coke Co.	Uniontown
57	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co.	Pittsburg
3,259	1,618		
FURNACE OVENS			
250	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
354	Alverton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
357	Baggins	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	Biller	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
240	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
430	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	Continental 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
235	Continental 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
430	Crossland 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
332	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
230	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Dunbar
310	Edna No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
273	Edna No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	Edna No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	Edna No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
280	Hostetter-Cville Coke Co.	Hostetter-Cville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
242	Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
206	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
450	Lansing 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
452	Lansing 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
502	Lansing 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
204	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	Lemont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
409	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
353	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	Mt. Pleasant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
256	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
412	Radstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
414	Radstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
424	Southwest 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
160	Southwest 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
304	Southwest 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown
464	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
252	Whitney	Hostetter-Cville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	Yorktown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
245	Yorktown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
15,110	3,374		

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Merger Panhandle Coal Properties Is Reported Under Way

In connection with the proposed consolidation of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company, Brier Hill Steel company, the Steel & Tube Company of America and the Midvale Ordnance company, a report is persistent that a consolidation of all the independent coal producing companies in the Panhandle field are to be merged as the fuel subsidiary of the new Steel company.

It is said that upwards of 30 companies would be included in the merger representing between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 worth of coal properties. If carried through the new consolidation would form the second largest producer of soft coal in the United States.

The same reports make mention of the negotiations understood to be in progress for the purchase by the Keystone Coal & Coke company of all the holdings of the Jamison Coal & Coke company, but do not couple the transactions together in the sense that the Jamison properties are to be included in the Panhandle deal.

Buffalo Rate Hearing in January.
Hearing in the case of Buffalo furnacemen for readjustment of freight rates on coal and coke will be held in January.

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MAINTAINING THE INTEREST OF MINERS IN SAFETY MEASURES

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RAINEY PLANT METHODS

At the recent meeting of the National Safety Council at Boston John T. Rainey, with W. J. Rainey, Inc., presented an interesting paper dealing with the matter of maintaining interest of mine workers in safety measures and regulations. In part Mr. Rainey said:

Successful safety work among miners begins with mine officials at the time the miners are employed. It is part of the business of the officials to instruct and also to see that their instructions are carried out in the strictest manner possible.

The official who is on the job regularly and who visits the miners several times daily should properly instruct the miners during these visits in such a way as to stimulate interest in safety. In order to stimulate interest it is necessary to make the minor see where the mistakes are to distinguish between the right and the wrong way of doing things.

Many of the miners are foreigners who are more or less ignorant of the English language. As a class they require guidance in the matter of protecting themselves. It is an established fact that the careful worker is, as a rule, the most efficient. Training and education are necessary for safety and efficiency. Experience is the best teacher but the risk involved in permitting the inexperienced miner to pursue his own method is too great. A miner should possess knowledge that will enable him to work in comparative safety when left to his own resources.

In maintaining safety interest among the miners it is necessary for the officials to gain their confidence and to put into force any and all safety suggestions that they have to offer. During the official's visit if he should find a miner violating any of the safety rules he should be cautious in approaching him so as not to antagonize him but in such a way that the suggestions offered will be of benefit in promoting safety.

Interest can be stimulated by providing forms of amusement where the miner and his family can be present together for a few hours weekly. This amusement where local talent is entertaining can consist of a concert with a forceful speaker to talk for a few minutes on safety and safety devices. Another form of amusement to maintain interest is to have free moving picture shows weekly in some building or out of doors in the summer time where the miners and their families can spend a few hours together. During these shows a few reels of safety pictures could be run, showing the right and wrong method of labor.

Then the family would take occasion to remind the father of the dangers surrounding him in the mine and caution him to be careful. Usually the last words that are spoken to a miner when leaving home in the morning are the ones that run through his mind during the day when he is alone and this stimulates him to safety.

The home in being made as attractive as possible in order to create an impression on the minds of the miners when passing it. The pictures exhibited on the bulletin board should show the way the man was injured and how it could have been prevented. These pictures should be changed every week. If there are no more pictures on hand to replace those taken off the board, let the board remain empty. This stimulates interest to such an extent that the men know that there are new pictures on the board every week the same as the change of moving pictures in the show.

Another method of keeping up interest is to have bulletins in the form of postal cards sent to the homes, showing how men were injured and how the accident could have been prevented.

A suggestion box located in some convenient place to receive suggestions relative to safety devices and a prize given each month for each safety suggestion that is put into use tend to keep interest alive. Monthly meetings should be held where the miners can be present to hear the suggestions and recommendations.

Inspection trips of miners in company with the mine officials cultivate the necessary spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation. The inspection trips acquaint all workmen with the endeavor toward safety and every man knows that special effort is being made to reduce accidents. These inspection trips tend greatly to interest the men.

Proposed Merger Seven Large Steel Companies Is Officially Confirmed

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Reports that a merger of seven or more of the independent steel companies is contemplated were confirmed in the financial district today.

The proposed consolidation will take in all the leading producers and manufacturers with the exception of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Jones & Laughlin company of Pittsburgh. The capitalization of the various companies concerned in the proposed consolidation, approximately \$500,000,000 and the products of the various companies cover almost every branch of steel and iron industry.

All new workmen should first receive instructions from the official who employs him or through an interpreter. Afterwards he should be placed in the hands of a competent man who can talk to him in the language which he understands best. This is for the purpose of showing the man to his working place and warning him of the dangers to and from his working place which are apparent only to experienced workmen. Such instructions to the new man create interest and make him an efficient workman.

The miner's attention should be called to all danger signs, notices and warnings, guarded and unguarded trolley wires, crossing signs showing the proper traveling ways both in and out of the mine; also the proper way to get in and out of the man-trip and the dangers likely to be encountered should he attempt to leave the trip before it stops. When he reaches the working face he should be instructed in the safe and proper methods of working. He should receive practical instructions in testing the roof and how and when to set timbers to protect himself. He should be taught the necessity of blocking cars to prevent them from running away and injuring himself or others.

In order to maintain interest I would suggest that a bonus or suitable prize be given at the end of each half year to each miner who has not in that period received an injury entailing loss of time, as every accident, serious or trivial, causes lost time and demoralizes and disorganizes the working force which affects the output and the profits.

Finally, maintaining safety interest reduces accidents, increases output and profits. It produces a better feeling on the part of the employees who are interested in safety work and the end is that the workman shall live to enjoy the fruits of his labor and that crippled and helpless wrecks who were once strong men, shall no longer be a by-product of carelessness.

Harry Restofski Is Transferred To Pittsburgh

Harry Restofski, an employee of the West Penn Railways company here for the past seven years, has been transferred to the Pittsburgh office. The change was effective December 1. Mr. Restofski is now assistant to J. S. Jenks, vice-president.

Mr. Restofski has been employed here as assistant to H. W. McElroy, superintendent of substations in Pittsburgh. "A." Previous to beginning work in that department, where he has been located for four years, he was employed in the laboratories on the West Side for three years. He began work for the company on June 14, 1914.

For the present Mr. Restofski will continue to reside in this city, although eventually he will move to Pittsburgh. No successor to his position has been named and until that time he will spend about two days each week in this city.

Mr. Restofski has always been active in the social work among West Penn employees. He was elected chairman of the Coke Region Division West Penn Section, N. E. L. A. when it was first organized on April 8, 1920. Recently he was re-elected to that position. Because of his new duties, however, it will be necessary for him to resign the office and his successor will be elected at a meeting to be held next Tuesday night at Macabean hall. He has also been very active in church work, having been for several years superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Christian church. He is financial secretary of the church and a member of the official board.

New Oil and Gas Map Of Pennsylvania Is Ready for Delivery

The latest addition to the Geological Survey's series of maps showing the oil fields in the states of the union is the map of Pennsylvania. This map agrees with others of the series in showing the features of greatest interest to oil and gas operators in distinctive colors and the purely geographic features in a subdued black. The oil fields are shown in green, the gas fields in red, and the pipe lines and railroads in violet, but the cities, towns, streams, railroads, etc., are shown in the subdued black.

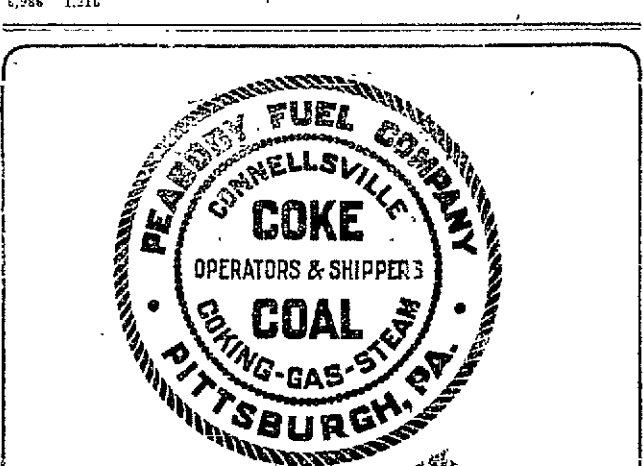
The map shows strikingly the comparatively small part of the state that is producing oil and also the zonal arrangement of the oil and gas fields, with a broad belt that yields much gas and little oil lying east of a similar broad belt that yields oil with only a little gas.

The scale of the map is 1:500,000, or about 8 miles to the inch, and its dimensions over all are about 2 1/4 by 3 1/2 feet. It may be obtained from the Director, United States Geological Survey.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE LOWER CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, December 3, 1921.

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operators	Address
40	Adah	MERCHANT OVENS	Greensburg
293	Alison No. 1	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
200	Alison No. 2	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
142	American 1	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg
240	American 2	American Coke Corporation	Pittsburg
40	Amica	The Wilkey & Feather C. Co.	Uniontown
20	Browning	Browning Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
45	Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
49	Champion	Champion C. V. L. Coke Co.	Uniontown
257	Champion	Champion Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
114	Crystal	Hedra Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
215	Danba	Reliance Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
402	Donald 1 & 2	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
160	Donald No. 3	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
190	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co.	Uniontown
122	Eleanor	Stern Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
42	Finley	Just, Byrne & Co.	Uniontown
113	Garwood	Astoria-Civilis Coke Co.	Connellsville
58	Gepune	Gepune C. V. L. Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	Griffin No. 1	Hedra Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
196	Griffin No. 2	Hedra Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
210	Herb	C. V. L. Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
45	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
52	Hill Top	E. Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
184	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClintocktown
30	Hopewell	Hope Coke Co.	Scottsdale
155	Hustad	Hustad-Semans C. & C. Co.	Uniontown
260	Isabella	Hedra Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
24	Junior	Junior Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
140	Kaiser	Kaiser Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
209	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co.	Helen
30	Lea	Franklin Coke Co.	Uniontown
34	Learty	Old Connellsville Coke Co.	Southfield
100	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co.	Scottsdale
40	Little Gem	The Blake Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	Low Phos	C. V. L. Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	Marion	Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
209	Mt. Hope	Snowden Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	Old House	W. J. Parrish	Uniontown
202	Puritan 1 & 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	Puritan No. 3	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
76	Puritan No. 4	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
101	Poland	Poland Coal Co.	Pittsburg
150	Rosa Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Outcrop
40	Royal	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
45	Russell	Russell Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
30	Sackett	H. R. Sackett Coal & C. Co.	Smithfield
36	Sapper	Bally-Cullagh Coal & C. Co.	Uniontown
374	Seagriff	Taylor Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
250	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
110	Starling	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50	Stanton	McClintocktown C. & C. Co.	McClintocktown
400	Thompson 1	Thompson C. V. L. Coke Co.	Pittsburg
320	Tower Hill 1	Eastern Coke Co.	Pittsburg
334	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill C. V. L. Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	Union	Scottsdale Coal & Coke Co.	Scottsdale
520	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
570	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
24	Yukon	Whitel Coke Co.	Uniontown

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operators	Address
10,152	2,500	FURNACE OVENS	
400	Alcoa	Pittsburg Steel Co.	Pittsburg
100	Bridgton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co.	Pittsburg
426	Bullington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
144	Colonial No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
290	Colonial No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
600	Edgemoor	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.	Fairbank
400	Footdale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
202	Geneva	McKeesport Coal Co.	McKeesport
200	Lafayette	Lafayette Coke Co.	Lafayette
442	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
614	Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
744	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
30	Rowan	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
480	Trant	American Coke Corporation	Uniontown
400	Republie	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
460	Ronce	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	Thompson 1	Hedra Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg



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Pittsburg & Lake Erie And Shopmen of System Sign Working Agreement

DICKERSON RUN, Dec. 7.—General Chairman W. A. Miller and the general committee of the American Federation of Railroad Workers met in a conference for nearly two weeks with General Manager J. B. Yohs of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad company, an eight-hour day with time and a G. Munick, Master Car Builder Sam Richardson for the purpose of negotiating a working agreement which was completed and signed Monday, December 5. Mr. Yohs signed for the railroad company and the committee for the shop employees. The agreement goes into effect at once, and with it 75 per cent of the men will return to work some time during the month, or as soon as tools and material can be assembled. This is the first general working agreement ever signed on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie for this class of men. It calls for an eight-hour day with time and a half for overtime, Sundays and holidays. For the past month all heavy repairing and rebuilding have been suspended. All work coming under this classification will now be done in the Pittsburg & Lake Erie shops. The agreement goes into effect at once.

State Insurance Fund Officials After Delinquents

HARRISBURG, Dec. 5.—Plans for the insurance fund are being pushed by the Pennsylvania law, employers who fail to insure their people against workmen's compensation are being made to State Insurance Fund officials and a checking up of corporations, firms and individuals has been started. It is estimated the business depression has caused many employers to allow their compensation insurance to slide either through suspension of business or reduction of force, but the position taken here is that failure to insure employees brings a charge of losing compensation. Two Polanco-China pigs, raised on the farm of the Weyel Coke company near Leppus, Westmoreland county, were first and second prizes at the International Live Stock show recently held in Chicago.

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Unemployment In State Shows Slight Decrease

HARRISBURG, Dec. 7.—Slight decrease in the total of unemployed in the state during the last two weeks of November is shown in the reports of state employment officers in the various districts of the state. Commissioner Clifford B. Connelley of the Department of Labor & Industry, in making public reports today announced that a rather favorable situation exists in the state, with the exception of the textile mills, where the situation is still unfavorable. The total unemployed is reported as 254,322, a decrease of 2,108 from previous reports. The reports indicate an improvement in the building situation with a rush to complete buildings before the new year. The mining situation shows that the mild season has produced some effect. Many railroad men are reported out of work although men are being called back in most sections. In the bituminous coal districts the situation is not as satisfactory, the mines generally operating about 50 per cent capacity.

UNBURNED COAL

And Coke in Ashes Being Saved As Result of Mines Bureau's Work.
As about one-quarter of the bituminous coal produced in the United States is used in industrial power plants, the waste of unburned coal and coke in the ashes from boiler plants has been investigated by the United States Bureau of Mines. It has been possible to recover the greater part of the unburned fuel by saving the ashes on a concentrating table. As the result of a study of coal washing problems in the state of Washington one mine has built a table washing plant to treat a pile of refuse amounting to four thousand million tons estimated to contain 200,000 tons of recoverable coal of cooking quality. Coal, Coke, Iron Merger in a Lull.
The coal, coke and iron properties have been merged in a \$250,000,000 corporation, W. W. F. Coal & Iron, owned by the Carnegie Steel company. In the mining industry there were 56 and Pacific Gas-Electric company, as the head.

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rate from tuberculosis and check it in
the early stages, is doing a wonderful
work. While the progress has been
encouraging the campaign can be said
to be no more than fairly started. In
investigations reveal the fact that a
much larger percentage of our population
is affected with this dread disease
than has been popularly supposed.
This condition very naturally
makes heavier demands upon the hu-
man and other resources of the so-
ciety.This organization must be fully
equipped to carry on its splendid
work. The sale of the Christmas
seals and bonds is the means by
which practically every person, old
and young, can share in buying health
and longer life for thousands of fel-
low human beings.Right here at home we have an ex-
ample of what is being done in this
direction. Through the operation of
the State Dispensary and the services
of a skilled nurse we have been doing
some of the association's work. Rent
of the dispensary rooms and the trans-
portation of patients sent to the sta-
tionaries have been paid out of the
part of the proceeds of the sum raised
from former sales of seals and health
bonds which the local district is
permitted to retain for its use.We have been planning for the
afflicted of our own community and
in somewhat large measure than for
those remote from and altogether un-
known to us. We have been making
a practical application of our charity
in our own city without really know-
ing it.These facts as well as a desire to
spread our Christmas cheer over the
whole year and beyond the limited
circle of our immediate friends, ought
to invest the buying of seals and
health bonds with more interest than
we might otherwise have. But it is
all for a most worthy cause whether
the benefits accrue aside here or in
other sections. Our liberality should
therefore be circumscribed only by
our ability.**CONDEMNATION OF BIRTH
CONTROL.**That the first session of the birth
control conference in New York was
banned by the police and two women
speakers placed under arrest is one
way of expressing public sentiment
against this method of propagating an
abhorred cult by a few fanatical
shallow brained women and some ad-
dled men.But the publication of a protest by
Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes of the
New York diocese of the Catholic
church is still more emphatic con-
demnation of the use of the open for-
um for the dissemination of ideas or
discussions which the archbishop
says "common prudence and decency
should keep within the walls of a
clinic or only for the ears of the ma-
ture and experienced."The laws of God and man, science
public policy, and human experience
he said, all were condemnatory of
birth control. He said that a few irre-
sponsible individuals without in-
formation or approval as far as I know
of a reputable body of physicians or a
medical society whose province it is
to advise the public on such matters.He declared the tenets of birth con-
trol were in direct opposition to the
opinion of many distinguished scien-
tists of the world who had been mak-
ing a serious study of the causes of
improving deterioration of the race
which had been "foreseen by well-
known biologists."His protest although coming from
a high ecclesiastical authority will
not be regarded by the public as se-
cular but as having been voiced in
the broad spirit of common sense. It
will be cordially approved by all
thoughtful persons who realize the
necessity of protection of the mono-
gamous marriage. A limitation of
divorce more children in the families
of the well to do, a moral duty to
a more sheltered life for mothers and
an unselfish devotion to the family as
a patriotic duty.Postponement of the Y membership
campaign will give you time to
figure out how many memberships you
can get to develop young men and
girls whom you wish to see grow into
good citizens.Some of the profit that may be in-
ferred to "franchise" what you have
country club for water.The Sober side of the "form of
gold" paid dividends and in other
secret places may be disposed to dis-
pute the right of other persons to in-
appropriate the word "gold" in any form
of speech, as part of the name of an
other organization.**THE "Y" AND YOUR DUTY.**The campaign to meet old and to
secure new memberships in the
Baltimore & Ohio Y. M. C. A. is an-
other of those good works which
should receive the hearty cooperation
and support of every citizen who
realizes that he has a duty to per-
form in helping to provide every-
body with aid in building and
strengthening the character of young
men and afford them facilities for in-
struction and recreation.We fail to grasp our opportunities
to be helpful to the extent that we fail
or refuse to promote such agencies
and assist in their expansion and
growth. The sum which entitles a
person to membership is insignificant
in comparison with the advantages to
be derived. If the subscriber finds it
inconvenient to himself to serve as an
active member he can have fellow mem-
bership for some young man who may
not himself be in position to pay the fee.At any rate the appeals of the can-
vassing teams should not be denied.
Instead they should be given that
form of encouragement which will
mean that more young men than ever
before will be permitted to enjoy the
privileges of full membership and to
have all the facilities of the institu-
tion at their command.You will be doing no less than your
duty and will experience a lasting
pleasure to know that you have been
instrumental in bringing the influ-
ences of the Y into the life of some
young man or boy at a period in his
life when his future character can be
shaped aright.**A NEED SUPPLIED.**Connellsville and Scottsdale have at-
tained such importance commercially
and socially that a well organized
country club with all the appurte-
ments of a club house, golf links and
other accessories has long been
recognized as a necessity if these two
towns are to keep abreast of other
large and up to date centers.The citizens of the two towns who
have engineered such an organization
through the initial stages are there-
fore to be commended for their joint
efforts and to be congratulated on the
success already achieved. The choice
of the Delwiler farm as the club
grounds is almost ideal from almost
every standpoint. Its first cost is re-
asonable it has an equipment of build-
ings which can be readily adapted to
club uses is an excellent site for golf
links and is easy of access while far
enough removed from the activities of
the two towns to afford the degree of
privacy requisite in establishments of
this kind.These and other features combine
to make the Delwiler site all that can
be desired. With a membership com-
prising the leading and influential
citizens of both towns the club should
become an institution that will figure
largely in the recreational and social
activities of the First City of Fayette
and the thriving and ambitious Cap-
ital of Southern Westmoreland.**DANGERS IN FALLEN WILDS.**That a fatality did not result when
a school boy grasped a telephone wire
which had been broken by the heavy
snow of Monday night and he escaped
with no more serious injury than a
burn on his hand was due to favoring
circumstances and not to the exercise
of his precaution on the part of the
child.Had the contact of the wire with a
charged power line been more perfect
the probabilities are that the boy
would have been instantly killed. For-
tunately this did not occur.The incident should serve as a re-
minder of the warning which cannot be
too often repeated that when a wire
is seen lying on the ground it should
be touched by no person except a
line man or other employee of an elec-
trical company who knows the danger
involved and is equipped to avoid it.Curious as they are and as they
know where the wire may extend to or
what contact it may have formed with
wires carrying a high voltage. To
grasp it with bare hands is courting
death as has many times been the re-
sult of the lack of a wise precaution.
Give the fallen wire a wide berth.**THE PRICE OF MILK.**The explanation given of the rea-
sons why milk costs more in Con-
nellsville than in Pittsburgh are in-
forming to consumers but in some re-
spects may not be wholly satisfying.As explained as they do the advan-
tages derived from having a high
grade milk supply consumers are
whole cannot completely offset them.
The price of the milk is the price like
the price of other food products
of good quality should follow the
general trend and drop to a lower
level.Milk constitutes a very important
article of diet in every home. In fact
it is one of the staple foods. The con-
sumption has increased and hence the
demand for a material from a household
expenses particularly in large fam-
ilies. Other necessities having been
much reduced in price there has been
the very natural expectation that milk
would follow the same course.It is realized that the cost of pro-
ducing milk in the winter is greater
than in the summer season when it
is unnecessary to supply cows with
liberal rations of dry feed as it is after
the pasturing season is over. But with
feed costs having been reduced 50 per
cent or more from the war time range
the drop of two or three cents per
quart or 10 to 15 per cent from the
war time price of milk appears to
consumers as being somewhat out of
proportion to the falling down that
has taken place in other commodities.
The standardization of the milk of
the city's supply and the health
inspection which results from a strict
sterilization are worth considerable
to consumers—more perhaps than
they are willing to concede—but
as factors entering into the cost they
must be given due consideration.The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad
company's gain of \$21,550,217 in net
income during 1920 was of this year
as compared with a deficit of \$6,611,
223 for the same period of last year.
Tends to disprove some of the claims
about railroad business being on the
bum.**HOW THE RAILROADS CAN RE-
GAIN PUBLIC FAVOR.**The saving that patrons of the rail-
roads will be enabled to make after
January 1 through the repeal of the
war taxes on freight and passenger
transportation will in no way reduce
the revenues of the railroads. Instead
it will result in cutting off a very
considerable item of expense in col-
lecting and transmitting this tax to
the government in which task the
railroads have simply served as gov-
ernment tax collectors.The eight per cent tax on passenger
fare and the three per cent tax on
freight bills have amounted to ap-
proximately \$550,000,000 annually be-
ginning early in 1918. Handling this
enormous sum has occasioned the
employment of many additional clerks
by the railroads. With the repeal of
the taxes this force can now be di-
verted to other classes of work in-
volved in the operation of the rail-
road system and operation thus reliev-
ing the railroads of a burden which
yielded nothing to income but did add
to the cost of operation.The public will be correspondingly
grateful for the slight reduction in
the costs of transportation brought
about by the elimination of the war
tax from which the railroads derived
no benefit. But the relief must be
shared, and which it is admitted is es-
sential to a more vigorous revival of
business is that which will come
from substantial reductions in both
freight and passenger rates.Both having been advanced during
the war as a means of enabling the
railroads to meet the large increases
in the wages of their employees which
have since been reduced 12 per cent
the continued maintenance of these
rate schedules can no longer be jus-
tified. Economies hitherto thought
impossible have been effected in rail-
road operation. The efficiency of em-
ployees has been steadily improving
the pre-war standard and in numer-
ous instances has surpassed it. The
volume of traffic which has been dur-
ing the boom years of the war is
heavier than before that world cat-
astrophe taxed the transportation
system to the utmost and swelled in
come to prodigious proportions.Further there is the matter of not
expressing provisions of the railroads
that this would reduce rates propor-
tionately with a reduction in wages of
their employees. A failure to do so has
virtually been an admission by the
railroads that they do not intend to
keep faith with the public.True there have been a number of
practices in freight rates on special
lines of traffic but they do not ap-
ply to the commodities forming the
bulk of freight movement and with
few exceptions they have not been
made until extreme pressure was
brought to bear by well organized
agencies acting in behalf of the inter-
ests concerned. In the realm of pas-
senger rates no reductions have been
made at all.What the public needs and wants is
prompt action in the direction of a
cutting down of all abnormally high
rates to a level consistent with the
needs of the reconstruction period.
Nothing would do more to assist in
restoring the railroads in public favor
and confidence than to carry out
this plan in bringing this about. Over-
sight the railroads will continue to
be charged with being deplorable to
hold fast in peace time to all the ad-
vantages gained by them under the
contingencies of war time.**NOT BEING FOOLED BY "DOPE"**The people of Connellsville have
every confidence that Mayor Elmer
Mitchell and Councilmen I. E. Stone
and Wardley are men of sound
common sense and good judgment; that
they will not lend themselves to a re-
organization of the city government in
the interests of an element which
was unfriendly to their election and
which has since been acting by propa-
ganda and otherwise to create
divisions and dissensions the object of
which is to later embarrass and handi-
cap the new administration.Thwarted in their designs to per-
petuate the old order of things munic-
ipal some of the dissenters and
agencies of the Hand Pickers are
planning if possible to tie the hands
of the new mayor and the new coun-
cilmembers with a view to making it
difficult for the new administration to
carry through its program of better
and more efficient government. Hav-
ing disastorously failed to defeat the
new regime in which the best
interests of all the people of the city
as a whole shall be safeguarded in-
stead of furthering the plans and
schemes of designing partisans those
who opposed the proposed municipal
reform have in effect declared that
they will see to it that the mayor
and his associates in council do not
get by with their program of
cleaning up the city.At least such is the construction the
public is placing on the propaganda
that is being put in circulation and
the strenuous efforts that are being
made for the accomplishment of an
unlucky and selfish purpose in the
interest of things as they have been.The public is aware however that
the newly elected members of the city
government are fully capable of mak-
ing up their own minds as to their
duties and obligations and that they
do not need gratuitous advice and that
they are not being fooled by "dope"
being given currency through a
medium of such limited influence
and such well known antecedents and
exploited for so apparent a purpose
that the efforts excite ridicule rather
than serious consideration by any
class of the city's recently elected
municipal officials.**Conserving Taxpayers.**When the city's budget becomes
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Speedway Assn. Held Insolvent

PITTSBURG, Nov. 23.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the Uniontown Speedway association of Uniontown, Pa., in the United States district court here today. Credit claims in the petition total \$2,696.62.

The petition sets forth that the association committed an act of bankruptcy November 22 last in that it permitted C. W. Johnson, a creditor, to obtain preference through legal proceedings by contesting judgment for the sum of \$3,250.00 in favor of Johnson at the September term of court of common pleas of Fayette county, upon which an execution was issued November 22 and a levy made and the sale of personal property advertised on November 23 for sale on November 30.

The creditors and their claims are: National Printing and Engraving company, 1915 Tribune building, Chicago, Ill., \$1,554.33 for posters and advertising during August, 1921; the Fayette Publishing company of Uniontown, Pa., \$42.85 for job printing and advertisements during August and November; and the Von Sign company of Uniontown, Pa., \$1,099.43 for sign painting from May until September, 1921.

DUAL TRAGEDY NEAR VANDERBILT LAID TO HUSBAND

Mrs. Elmer Miller Found Dead on Floor of Home, Husband in Bed, Wounded.

MYSTERY ABOUT LETTER

When a 17-year-old son of Elmer E. Miller, a farmer of Franklin township, returned home last evening, after being absent the entire day, he found his mother lying dead on the dining-room floor and his father in bed, badly wounded. The Miller home is three miles west of Vanderbilt, along the Perryopolis road, near Jefferson school house.

There had been family difficulties on numerous occasions, according to reports from the community.

According to Dr. W. H. Robbins of Vanderbilt, who was summoned to attend Miller, Mrs. Miller had been dead for several hours, perhaps six to eight, while Miller's wound was apparently inflicted late in the afternoon or the early evening.

The theory advanced is that Miller killed his wife upon the son left in the morning and then brooded over the act during the day, attempting to end his own life in the evening. Mrs. Miller was fully dressed. Miller was in his night clothing. Both were fully dressed when the son left in the morning, according to the story he told. Evidence that the crime had been committed early in the day was found that breakfast was on the table, untouched, save for that which the son had partaken of.

Three revolvers and several shotguns were found in the house. Only one shell had been exploded. The weapon with the shell exploded was on a mantel top of reach of Miller as he lay in bed. Beside it was another fully loaded while in the bed with Miller was a third, also fully loaded. One of the mysteries of what became of other shells, none of which could be found about the place.

State Preparing To Collect Dog Tax Coming Year

HARRISBURG, Dec. 2.—The State Department of Agriculture is planning to send to county treasurers throughout the state thousands of dog tags and various papers connected with dog licensing within a few days. The state will assume charge of the dog licenses on January 1.

The license fee will be \$1.10, and revenue above that of the government will go to the state and be administered for payment of claims for damage done to livestock by dogs and the state general fund.

NO LIABILITY

Created by Price Fixing Under Lever Act, Says U. S. Court of Claims.

The United States Court of Claims judgment in favor of the government dismissing the action brought by the J. M. Macdonald Coal Mining company to recover \$58,036. The coal company claimed that because of the Fuel Administration fixing the maximum price of coal under the Lever Act, it suffered the loss of the above amount.

"It is our conclusion," the court said, "that the Lever Act does not create a liability in the United States to producers of coal who sold their product at prices fixed by the government."

OPEN TUB CLAIMS CHILD

Helen Harin, Three Years Old, Dies of Burns at Vanderbilt.

Helen Harin, three years old, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harin, of Vanderbilt, died Friday afternoon at her home from burns. The child fell into a tub of hot water at her home and while her body was badly burned she lived two days following the accident.

The funeral will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, followed by interment in the Green cemetery at Leisenring.

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Snow Causes Heavy Damage To Fruit Trees and Timber

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER.
DUNBAR, Dec. 1.—The recent heavy rain and snow storm did a great deal of damage to orchards, timber and roads, to say nothing of the wash of half-plowed hillsides. In many orchards limbs have been broken from peach, plum and apple trees, in some cases the entire tree being so damaged that it will have to be removed. The damage is especially heavy in the peach orchards in the mountain sections.

There is also considerable damage done young timber in the forests, the weight of the snow breaking branches and in some cases the entire trees, especially where the great fall of water had softened the ground until the roots had no power to hold. Where older trees damaged to the extent that they were not merchantable stood heavy limbs were broken off, crushing second growth timber beneath them to the ground. It will require a general cleanup of the growing woodlands to insure profitable timber growth in hundreds of acres of mountain timber land.

Hundreds of dollars damage has been done the roads by the surplus water which followed wagon cuts like torrents tearing out great gullies and in some places washing across the roads, making them almost impassable.

There is more water in the ground than at any time within the past three years, while in many places the entire surface of the land is covered with running water where for years there had been no evidence of any stream.

Nothing can be done by way of repairs to the roads until the water falls and the newly made mountains lose their force.

"Y" Important in Connection With Local Athletics

"There is no reason why the majority of Connelleville's athletics should not be run under the auspices of the local 'Y,'" says a citizen interested in the membership campaign. "From a business standpoint it would be a saving. Its small membership fee includes the use of the gymnasium and swimming pool as means for keeping athletes in condition. Last year the boys' basketball league was a big success. It will be run again this year. In addition the men's basketball league will get under way next Monday."

A local man is also being considered as physical director, one who is especially popular with the boys. His acquisition will greatly depend on the support given the membership movement now on. Baseball received a new impetus this last season when the Church league of 10 teams got under way in charge of the 'Y' and played its full schedule. Next year promises to be still better with the possibility of two other fields in addition to Fayette field, which belongs to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company, and will be used mainly for 'Y' purposes. There is also a possibility of a day being set apart at the gymnasium for women and girls."

First Charter In State For Cooties, Aim

At a meeting of Camp Walter E. Brown, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Friday evening, Comrade Tweed Stafford, state organizer for "The Cooties," announced that considerable progress in the movement is being made here and that he believes the first charter in the state will be received in this city.

The charter will be closed at the meeting next Monday. Some of the "best fellows" in the organization have been enrolled as members.

A bulletin board was donated to the veterans by Harry Bishop and Thomas R. Cunningham. The house committee announced it had purchased a pool table.

Mrs. Katherine Wallace, who is interested in the organization of a women's auxiliary to the local post, reported considerable progress was being made. At the next meeting 20 new members of the camp will be initiated.

James McKenna, a veteran of the Indian wars and also of the Philippine and World wars will make an address. He is well known here and is a popular figure.

The committee in charge are already making preliminary arrangements for the annual banquet to be held on February 4.

Justices Must File Acceptances Or Lose Office

HARRISBURG, Nov. 30.—Hundreds of commissions for justices of the peace and other members of the "minor judiciary," as they are termed, will be issued from the Commission Bureau of the State Department in the next 40 days but there probably will be some justices who will not be able to take office in January.

Experience has shown that notwithstanding a mandatory provision of the law that each justice must file an acceptance of the election, many fail to do so and their commissions are held up. There are more than 5,000 justices in Pennsylvania, of whom a large proportion will begin terms in January. Some of them have held office for years. From reports here several women will be commissioned as justices. In addition to the commissioning of these officers of the law Commission Clerk Gilbert H. Hassler will commission hundreds of notaries public.

Boy Scout Troop No. 1 Is Formed At Vanderbilt

Through the courtesy of the Ogleve-McClure Lumber company, Troops 3 and 5, Boy Scouts, enjoyed a motor drive to Vanderbilt Friday evening, where they helped to organize Troop 1 of that place. There were 42 scouts on the trip, 28 from Troop 3 and 14 from Troop 5, not counting Deputy Scout Commissioners Ralph F. Sliger and J. M. Southard, who were in charge.

The boys met in the Presbyterian church. William Love, scoutmaster, will start his troop with four full patrols, making 32 scouts in all. All the new scouts were drilled in the tenderfoot test, six passing. It is possible that the whole troop will finish their tenderfoot tests by Friday.

Light lunch was served.

Summer Teachers' Institute May Cut Holiday Vacation

DUNBAR, Dec. 1.—The township schools are to have two weeks of vacation beginning with December 18 and lasting till January 2. It is not expected the schools in the jurisdiction of the county superintendent will have more than from December 20 until January 3. While it has formerly been the custom to have two weeks vacation at the holiday season, one of the annual county institute. The institute having been held this year the last week in August, immediately preceding the opening of the regular school term, the exigencies of the case require but one week vacation this year.

This will also be in the interest of the spring closing of the schools in districts where nine months is successful in allowing the school to be dismissed a week earlier than they could be if two weeks were given. In districts where the term is seven and one-half or eight months long, two weeks may be had. Next year the institute will be held in October so there will be one week vacation in October and one at Christmas.

Hunters Are Satisfied With New Bag Limit

HARRISBURG, Nov. 30.—Very little complaint against the establishment of a bag limit of five rabbits a day, a new provision in the state game code, was made during the season which closed today, according to officials of the State Game Commission. From all reports received by the commission, the rabbit season was very successful. The recent Legislature changed the bag limits on several kinds of small game, including cottontails, and sportsmen have accepted the change with good grace generally. Belief of state game officials is that the small game season this year was a good one. Counties where snow and western rabbits were distributed reported good sport and in most places where quail and pheasants were cared for there were large bags. Wild turkey hunting seems to have afforded much excitement but not many birds as expected in several counties.

Louis Hetzel Is Preparing to Market Patent Door Lock

Having secured a patent and made arrangements for manufacturing a door lock which cannot be operated from the outside and hence is proof against picking or being unlocked by a skeleton key, Louis Hetzel is now concluding agency agreements for the sale of his device.

This consists of a thin metal strip with lugs at one end which fit into the strike plate of an ordinary door lock. The other end of the strip, which is slotted, projects inside and receives a coiled spring which, when inserted in the proper slot, resists against both the door and the door jam, making it impossible to open the door from the outside.

A local bank has purchased 3,000 of these locks and has distributed them throughout the city.

JEWEL FOR G. W. HILL

Fifty Years of Membership in Local Pythian Lodge Specially Observed.

George W. Hill, veteran member of Fayette Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was presented Thursday night with a 50-year jewel in recognition of his half century of affiliation with the lodge. Mr. Hill is not a resident of Connelleville. He came here yesterday from Chicago to receive the jewel which is conferred on all members who have been for 50 years a member of the order. Mr. Hill joined Fayette lodge November 7, 1871, being one of the charter members.

William Sylvester of Pittsburgh, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, attended the meeting and conferred the grand lodge degree on a class made up of Pythians from Dunbar, Uniontown, Fairchance, Smithfield and Star Junction. Mr. Sylvester also addressed the meeting in the interest of the proposed home for orphans to be maintained by the national organization, which matter will be before the next session of the grand lodge in 1922.

Fayette lodge has the distinction of numbering on its membership the mayor-elect of Connelleville and the burgess-elect of South Connelleville, Charles C. Mitchell and W. G. Ketter. Following the business of the session lunch was served.

Coal Land for Sale
If you have coal land for sale advertise in The Weekly Courier.

ROBT. N. HODGSON, FORMER WEST PENN MAN, IS KILLED

Run Down by Duquesne Limited While on Way to Coal Plant at Scott Haven.

WAS HERE SEVERAL YEARS

Robert N. Hodgson, 33 years old, for a number of years chief power solicitor for the West Penn Power company in Connelleville and nearby territory and well known in electrical circles in Western Pennsylvania, was struck by a Baltimore & Ohio train at Scott Haven Thursday morning and fatally injured. He died an hour later while being taken on a speeder to Sutersville, the nearest place a physician could be found.

Mr. Hodgson was associated with Dawson and Pittsburgh men in a coal enterprise at Scott Haven and made daily trips to the plant from his home at West Newton. He boarded the West Newton accommodation, leaving at 7:55 o'clock, and was struck soon after detouring at Scott Haven, by fast train No. 17, the Duquesne Limited.

Persons who witnessed the accident rushed speeder to the scene and the race for a physician's office was begun. Mr. Hodgson died before the place was reached.

The body was removed to C. H. Cutler's undertaking establishment at West Newton and then taken to the home of Mr. Hodgson in Vine street.

Mr. Hodgson was associated with the West Penn Power company for five or six years, during which time he was located in Connelleville. Subsequently he was general manager of the Birmingham (N. Y.) Light & Power company but for three years had been in business for himself. He was a member of the Masonic order, the consistory and shrine at Birmingham and a number of electrical societies. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Lillian Washburn Hodgson; three sons, George, Jack Mackey and Robert Hodgson, Jr., and a daughter, Virginia.

CITY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE OPENS ON DECEMBER 16

Two-Day Session Before Holidays, Three Days Later in the Term.

NOTED EDUCATORS COMING

The first half of the 1921-22 teachers' institute, held jointly by the Connelleville and Dunbar township school districts, will fall on Friday and Saturday, December 16 and 17. It was announced. Superintendent Beia B. Smith of the local schools and R. K. Smith, superintendent of the township schools, have secured a number of well known speakers for the program. There will also be other features.

The institute will be just prior to the Christmas holidays. Teachers from both districts will attend both sessions and then leave for their homes for the holidays. The second half of the institute, which will include a three-day program, will take place about the first part of January.

Speakers for the first half will include Dr. Will Grant Chambers, dean of the extension department and summer sessions of Pennsylvania State college; Dr. J. Lynn Barnard, director of social studies of the State Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg; Dr. Henry Klenow, assistant director of the teachers' bureau of the State Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg; Dr. S. C. Schumaker, of the department of biological science of the West Chester State Normal, West Chester.

Dr. Chambers will speak on general educational subjects. Dr. Barnard will outline and elaborate the state department's program for social studies in the public schools. Dr. Klenow will give some of the details on plans for teacher training, and Dr. Schumaker will speak on nature study and biology.

Robert J. McDowell, of Pittsburgh, who acted as director of music at the last institute, will again be here. He will conduct the singing exercises. Will A. Rhodes, also of Pittsburgh, tenor soloist, will give vocal numbers. Carl T. Anstine, director of music in the Connelleville high school, will be accompanist.

Personal Estate Of \$2,500 Left by Mrs. Braithwaite

GREENSBURG, Nov. 30.—Letters of administration on the estate of Mary Ann Braithwaite, late of Ruffs Dale, East Hanington township, were granted Tuesday to the Union Trust company of Greensburg. The personal estate is valued at \$2,500. In the application for "letters" Allen Braithwaite states that his wife died about 5:30 o'clock, Thursday morning, November 17.

Mrs. Braithwaite is the aged Ruffs Dale woman who was brutally murdered early in the morning on November 17. Allen Braithwaite, her husband, was arrested, charged with the crime, but has been released from jail on \$7,500 bail.

Self-Help.

"If you want a thing done well, do it yourself," said the ready-made philosopher.

"I've heard that before," rejoined the plodding citizen. "But say, mister, did you ever try to fix a clock?"

Letter Written by Local Man Reveals Double Murder By His Wife in New Mexico

Two... Slain, Bodies Thrown Into River, Missive Says.

CANT FIND THE WRITER

A clipping from the Denver, Colo. Post, received from Joe Constantine, a local boy connected with the Fitzsimmons General hospital at Denver, tells of a double murder supposed to have been committed by a woman, presumably of Connelleville, near the Shiprock Indian agency in San Juan county, N. M. The story is under a Durango, Colo., date line and is based on the facts set forth in a letter from Connelleville, Pa., received by Sheriff J. B. Winn. The letter was mailed on November 5.

The letter is signed by the husband of the alleged murderess. His name has been withheld. He says he would have told of the crime sooner but that his wife threatened to kill him if he did. Successfully escaping her, the letter stated, he desired her arrest and expressed his willingness to give himself up when the officers got his wife.

The clipping states that William Kelly, 22 years old, a taxi driver, and Samuel Grey, 37 years old, owner of a rooming house at Gallup, N. M., were murdered by a woman near the Shiprock agency. Sheriff Winn does not consider the letter a hoax or believe the writer to be insane. Both the men have been missing since August 1 and nothing has been heard of them since.

The clipping says: "According to information Sheriff Winn has obtained, a man and woman claiming to be his wife, who had been at the Coal Basin mines in the Gallup district engaged on August 1, auto transportation from Gallup to Farmington, from Grey, who owned the machine. Grey engaged Kelly to do the driving but accompanied the party."

SECOND ROTARY CLUB LAUNCHED IN CONNELLSVILLE

Dr. J. L. Cochran Is Elected President; Membership to Be Solicited at Early Date.

A second attempt to organize a Rotary club in this city was made Thursday when a number of Connelleville business and professional men gathered at the Elks Home, meeting a group of Rotarians from McKeesport. A club was organized, officers being elected and a board of control chosen.

With the foundation laid a complete classification list will be prepared and more members solicited.

William Hoff, president of the McKeesport club, spoke following the dinner. Other members of the Table City club with him were J. D. Evans, C. S. Myers, L. Bell, Herman Lottig, Harry S. Hammett and Clark Hendrickson. They also spoke briefly.

Attorney Ross S. Matthews acted as temporary chairman of the meeting. Following the selection of a board of control its members retired and selected the officers who were later approved by the entire body. The members of the board of control are: E. B. Zimmerman, R. W. Brown, Dr. J. L. Cochran, W. O. Adrian, G. P. Riemann, Charles Crowley and S. P. Ash; the officers, Dr. J. L. Cochran, president; R. W. Brown, vice-president; Charles A. Crowley, secretary; G. P. Riemann, treasurer.

It is expected to hold weekly meetings until the arrival of the charter, application for which has been made to the National Association.

During the war an effort was made to organize a Rotary club here. The initial meeting was an enthusiastic one but none followed it. The movement just dropped out of sight. There are successful clubs of the kind in Scotland, Uniontown, Greensburg and Laurore.

Meetings are held once a week, varying from noon day to evening and are not altogether social functions. The names on the charter list are Dr. J. L. Cochran, Attorney R. S. Matthews, B. B. Smith, Charles Crowley, Dr. C. S. Horner, R. W. Brown, John Davies, W. O. Adrian, W. D. McGinnis, M. B. Pryce, Ralph Hest, J. R. Davidson, A. M. Holmes, C. A. Wagner, Charles Kepner, S. P. Ash, J. H. Lollar, Charles Duver, F. R. Graham, William Sellers, G. P. Riemann, William Eaton, E. B. Zimmerman and A. B. Kutz.

The initiation fee and membership dues have not yet been determined. They will be fixed by the board of control.

Millions of Fish Eggs Are Being Gathered

HARRISBURG, Nov. 30.—Millions of eggs of various kinds of fish are being gathered and shipped to state fish hatcheries for the winter hatching and the take will run very high in the opinion of Commissioner of Fisheries Nathan R. Butler. On Lake Erie men have been at work for days gathering eggs of ciscoes, whitefish and other varieties found in the lake, while in the streams of the state much work has been done in gathering eggs this year.

Weather conditions have enabled the state hatcheries to send out large quantities of trout, catfish and perch this fall. Three kinds of trout have been planted, two-thirds of the state getting fish able to care for themselves.

"Bad Boy" Not Bad, Eyesight Chief Trouble

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—On the heels of the announcement by scientists from all over the country that criminals have been cured through operations removing blood-clots from the brain, President Judge Charles L. Brown of the Philadelphia municipal court declared today that many cases of criminal proclivities came from defective vision in childhood.

The Philadelphia jurist, who is an authority upon the juvenile branch of the municipal court, discussed the social menace of poor eyesight as evidenced in the cases coming before his tribunal.

"I know that judges and social workers all over the country," he said, "can cite hundreds of cases where delinquency and anti-social conduct depended not on some wicked perversity in the child, but on such a simple thing as vision which needed correction."

Public attention, Judge Brown believes, should be enlisted in a campaign for the conservation of eyesight in America.

"I can well imagine that defective eyesight is an economic menace in industry as well as in business," he continued. "I know at first hand that it is a social menace, as is apparent in the problems of correction and delinquency that come before me in court."

"We have a medical department connected with the court which deals with the physical defects of children and of adults. Again and again children and adults must be referred to optical specialists for treatment and after the treatment has been given the delinquency disappears or is much lessened. Many a child is immature in school—and may eventually become a felon—because he cannot study his lessons properly as his eyesight needs attention.

"Take these examples—the names of course being fictitious. "One was Adam Bates, who had never been in court, but whom we knew through our efforts to place a younger sister who is feeble-minded, in school—and may eventually become a felon—because he cannot study his lessons properly as his eyesight needs attention.

"I will give myself up when I learn of her arrest." State police came to Connelleville and with Chief of Police Thomas McDonald made an effort to locate the writer of the letter but without avail. No such person was known here, they said.

"Newt" Newcomer is Granted 30 Days to Settle An Estate

When summoned before court in Uniontown Tuesday for sentence on three charges of embezzlement, E. Newton Newcomer, former jail warden of Fayette county, was given 30 days in which to settle the estate of his father, the late Hampton Newcomer, before sentence is pronounced.

The extension was granted on petition of counsel for Newcomer. It being set forth that settlement of the estate will be hampered should he be absent—this being contingent on a possible prison sentence—and that it would work a hardship on creditors.

WILLIAM CORLESS DEAD

Scranton Man 10 Years State Organizer of Typographical Union.

William Corless, 60 years old, state organizer for the International Typographical Union and well-known in Fayette county, died November 27 at his home at Scranton, after a prolonged illness from heart disease. Mr. Corless began the printer's trade as a devil and worked his way to foreman of the Scranton Trade, which position he held for 21 years. For the past 10 years he had been an organizer for the typographical union and was regarded as one of the most efficient men in the service.

Mother Mouse Had Nerve

While a Dundee (Scotland) street tramped was waiting his turn to enter a depot at Leches a mouse was seen to run along and dart under one of the seats. When the driver and conductor lifted the seat they discovered a nest made of ear ticks and containing six young mice. The car had been in use daily, and the probability is that the family was born while the vehicle was running.




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John Shurilla, World War Veteran and Inventor, Is Sentenced to Die in Chair

John Shurilla, a Hungarian, who served with the United States Navy as a member of a submarine crew during the World War, and who invented a listening device for submarines which was pronounced a success by the Navy Department, was sentenced to die in the electric chair Saturday by Judge J. C. Van Swearingen to die in the electric chair for the murder of Joe Grege, near Wick Haven November 18, 1920. Efforts will be made to have the governor commute the sentence to life imprisonment and intercession will be made to the Board of Pardons and the Navy Department in his behalf.

Shurilla was the coolest man in the court room, apparently, when the sentence was pronounced.

The crime for which Shurilla was convicted, at the March term of court, was committed in an effort to secure \$400 cash which had been handed to Grege under the observation of Shurilla at Wick Haven and which Grege was taking to the First National bank at Perryopolis for deposit. Shurilla did not get the money. The defendant, the evidence showed, hid behind a pile

of ties along a path and fired several shots into Grege. Today, for the first time, it was made known why Shurilla did not get the money. After Grege had been shot he arose and ran for about 100 yards and Shurilla, regretting the act and believing that Grege was not mortally wounded, hurried from the scene without attempting to extract the money from his victim's clothes. He did not learn until later that his shots had taken life.

Shurilla was arrested the following December 29 in the act of shoplifting in a Pittsburg department store and identified as the man wanted in Fayette county.

Besides the submarine device Shurilla is the inventor of a door for mines which will close automatically following an explosion, cutting off air currents.

Shurilla was to have been married on the day following that on which he killed Grege. He wanted the money for wedding expenses and the beginning of married life. Because of the turn of events the wedding was called off.

JUDGE REPPERT WARNS AGAINST JURY TAMPERING

Invisible Line About Juror as Soon as Name Is Drawn, Court Says.

CROSSING IT PERILOUS

All Information Should Come From Court or Witnesses in Open Court, Jurist Informs Both Grand and Petit Jurors in His Charge.

Sharp warning against any attempt to approach jurors for the December term of court or any laxity on the part of the men and women called for service was given by Judge E. H. Reppert in his charge at the opening of the term Monday in Uniontown. The judge did not say that there had been any further attempt to influence jurors but his words were considered significant.

Judge Reppert called attention to the fact that any violation of the sworn obligation of a member of the grand jury is a serious criminal offense, indictable by the court. There is an invisible line drawn about a juror, the court said, as soon as the name is drawn from the jury wheel and none dare cross this line except at his peril. The only things the members of the jury need know are given through the court and witnesses, Judge Reppert said.

Speaking to the petit jurors, Judge Reppert said that all information relative to a case should come to them in open court from witnesses. Violations of their oath should be reported, he added.

B. B. Ramsey, a farmer of Springfield township, was chosen foreman of the grand jury.

J. P. RUPP IS ON LIST OF W. P. A. FOOTBALL STARS

J. P. Rupp, director of athletics at the Connelville high school last year, has been given a place on the all-independent gridiron team for Western Pennsylvania selected by the Pittsburg Post. Mr. Rupp is a member of the McKeesport Olympics.

As general of the all-independent team Rupp is highly praised. The paper says: "At quarterback Rupp of the McKeesport Olympics, stands head and shoulders above the rest of the signal callers in this section. He carries the ball well, is a consistent ground gainer and can pilot a team against a hard foe like general. He has keen perception, and can pick out the weak spots in the other fellows' defense. Without a doubt he is the best quarterback in this district, and it is this lad who has played the principal part in the success of the Olympic team this season."

Mr. Rupp has many friends in Connelville, who are glad to hear of the honor given him. He never played in a game here but at times donned a uniform when coaching his team. Just a glimpse of his speed, however, made an impression at that time.

WESTERNER ON VISIT

Joseph S. Stauffer, Missourian, at his former home at Mt. Pleasant, Mo., a former resident of Mount Pleasant, is on a visit of several weeks among relatives here and at Scottdale. Mr. Stauffer's wife died a month ago and he decided to make what may be his last visit to the old home. He has reached the age of 80. His wife was Flora E. Stauffer, a sister of Solomon K. Ebe, the former local business man, who is living very ill at his home in Main street, he having collapsed recently following a visit to relatives in Iowa.

Mr. Stauffer is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John T. Stauffer and a brother of Frank, Meade, Martha and Belle Stauffer, who reside in the old home-stand at the Diamond.

ELKS PAY HONOR TO DEAD IN ANNUAL LODGE OF SORROW

Elaborate Program Carried Out Sunday Afternoon at High School Auditorium.

In keeping with the sentiments which form a strong part of the foundation on which the organization stands, members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Sunday afternoon gathered at the auditorium of the Connelville high school for the annual lodge of sorrow in memory of their departed brothers. The services were beautiful, an elaborate program being carried out.

Past Exalted Ruler J. B. Millard was in charge. He has been a familiar figure on the platform at the memorial exercises during the last half score years. The services opened with the usual lodge ritual.

Attorney A. C. Stein, of Pittsburg, a member of the lodge at that place, delivered the address. In his eulogy he outlined the principles and purposes of the order. He pictured the principles involving the brotherhood of man, the fatherhood of God and the cardinal virtue of charity towards fellow men which, he said, should go farther to solve international problems than any theory yet advanced.

The same principles dominated Elksdom the speaker said. He urged every member to adhere more closely to them, declaring the principles of humanity should be upheld now more than ever before.

The stage settings were extraordinarily pretty. The program called for a change following the address. In this intermission a scene, symbolic of the "garden of memory," was arranged under the direction of George Philchard. Lights gave an evocative effect.

"Fidelity" was portrayed by Miss Margaret Gilmore who walked upon the scene, carrying a large bouquet of chrysanthemums. Her garb, of purple and white, conformed with the colors of the lodge.

The calling of the roll was featured by uncovering the name of the brother called on a white tablet in the background. While the names were being read the orchestra played softly "Lead, Kindly Light."

Mrs. William A. O'Brien sang "For All Eternity." John Kiferle played a violin obligato and Carl T. Austine was accompanist. Mrs. L. R. Shirlow rendered a piano number, "Rigolotti Paparazzi" and Mrs. Forrest Duck sang "Come All Ye Blessed."

MILLER CONFESSES, CLAIMS KILLING OF WIFE, SELF-DEFENSE

Revolver in Her Hand When He Fired Fatal Shot, Franklin Township Man Tells Officers.

Elmer E. Miller Monday made a confession in the county jail at Uniontown that he shot and killed his wife at their home near Vandervilt in Franklin township last Thursday.

Miller said he committed the act in self-defense. Miller said he had gone out on Thursday morning to chase some hunters off his land. When they did he returned to the house, he said, County Detective Russell, to whom he made the confession, and saw a man leaving the yard and asked his wife who it was.

"Instead of answering me she looked at me as never before," he declared. "She looked wild. I went to a window to see if I could recognize the man and she went to another window. I asked her again who he was and she refused to tell me. At the same time reaching for a revolver on the mantel. She pointed it at me and I drew one from my pocket and fired. She fell against a desk in a sitting position. I went over and laid her flat on the floor."

Miller said his wife had been unfaithful for years. He said he had known of her lovers she had, giving their names and addresses, three, four of whom are dead. He maintained he had fired only one shot without standing the fact that Coroner S. H. Baum said a bullet had struck the head and chest, either of which would have caused death.

Miller said he took strychnine and that the bump on his head was probably caused when he fell in an unconscious condition.

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Philadelphia, Pa. (Market St.)	3.55	3.45	3.25	3.15
Scranton, Pa. (Market St.)	3.15	3.05	2.85	2.75
Stanton, Pa. (Market St.)	2.75	2.65	2.45	2.35
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Greenwich, local	3.15	3.05	2.85	2.75
South Amboy, P. O. B. vessel	3.15	3.05	2.85	2.75
Harcourt Cove	3.15	3.05	2.85	2.75
Greenville, local	2.75	2.65	2.45	2.35
Canton, Md., local	2.35	2.25	2.05	1.95
Canton, Md., export	2.35	2.25	2.05	1.95
To ATLANTIC PORTS via B. & O.	3.55	3.45	3.25	3.15
St. George Coal Piers	3.15	3.05	2.85	2.75
Philadelphia Coal Piers	3.15	3.05	2.85	2.75
Philadelphia for Export	3.15	3.05	2.85	2.75
Curtis Bay Piers	3.15	3.05	2.85	2.75
Curtis Bay for Export	3.15	3.05	2.85	2.75

The rate from points on the Monongahela River to the Fairmont group south of the Pennsylvania state line to Johnstown is \$1.05 per net ton. Rates to Johnstown from Greensburg and Latrobe groups apply specifically from point of origin to destination.

The Connelville Rate applies to shipments from points on the West Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Latrobe, from points on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River railroad.

The Fairmont Rate on shipments via the Baltimore & Ohio applies to shipments from points east of Latrobe, from points on the Smithfield & Altoona Branch and from the Fairmont Region of West Virginia.

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Rate per Net Ton of 2,000 lbs.

Connelville	Pittsburg	Fairmont	Greensburg	Latrobe
Canton, O.	\$1.75	\$1.65	\$1.45	\$1.35
Chicago, Ill.	1.45	1.35	1.15	1.05
Cleveland, O.	1.35	1.25	1.05	0.95
Columbus, O.	1.15	1.05	0.85	0.75
Levee, Mich.	1.05	0.95	0.75	0.65
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	0.95	0.85	0.65	0.55
Toledo, O.	0.85	0.75	0.55	0.45
Louisville, O.	0.75	0.65	0.45	0.35
Lake Erie	0.65	0.55	0.35	0.25
To CANADIAN BAKING POINTS:				
Port Maitland, Ont.	0.55	0.45	0.25	0.15
Buffalo, N. Y.	0.45	0.35	0.15	0.05

These rates apply in a general way to shipments from the territory described. There are, however, numerous extensions to the specific rates quoted and in such cases before applying the rate as a basis for freight charges the shipper or consignee should inquire for the exact location of the mine from which the business will move.

town refer to the tariff naming the rate in question.

The Pittsburgh District includes points east as far as Latrobe and south on the Southern Branch to and including Latrobe south to but not including Brownsville on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad; eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and eastward to Dickerson Run and southwest to and including Brownsville on the New York Central.

The Connelville District includes points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Latrobe; on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad south of Latrobe; on the Monongahela River railroad points; New York Central points east of Dickerson Run, including Connelville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio, Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.

Children Asked To Aid Christmas "Mail Early" Drive

A letter from Postmaster General Will H. Hays in which he urges early mailing of Christmas packages was read Monday in the schools of the nation. Children are asked to carry home to their parents this message:

Our postmaster has asked us to mail our Christmas packages this week, for unless we do, Uncle Sam's load may be so heavy he last few days before Christmas that he won't be able to deliver all the presents by Christmas eve."

The children were told that all packages must be well wrapped and tied and plainly addressed; that the proper amount of postage must be affixed and that addresses must be complete and correct; that packages are to reach their destination without delay.

BODY COMING HOME

Remains of Frank Spittler, Former Soldier, Expected Dec. 10.

The body of Frank Spittler, another Connelville boy, who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War, is expected to arrive here December 10, according to word received here Tuesday. The deceased soldier was attached to Company C, 319th Infantry and was killed in action October 11, 1918.

He was born in Connelville, a son of Mrs. Rose Spittler of North Pittsburg street, and the late Frank Spittler. His mother, two sisters, Alma Spittler of Connelville; Mrs. S. H. Carver of Pittsburg, and two brothers, Henry and John Spittler, both of Connelville, survive. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception church and was highly esteemed by his many friends.

Grim Reaper

THEODORE KELLY.

Theodore Kelly, 40 years old, a former resident of Connelville, died Monday night at his home at Duquesne following a brief illness. He is survived by his widow, three sons, M. Grover, Dale Frederick and Duane, all of Duquesne, two daughters, Mrs. Walter A. Walker of South Connelville, Mrs. Russell Stewart of Duquesne, and 15 grandchildren. Mr. Kelly moved from Connelville to Duquesne a few years ago.

PETER SHUMAKER.

Peter Shumaker, 81 years old, died Monday night at 10:35 o'clock at the home of his son, Grant Shumaker, in West Gibson avenue, South Connelville. He was born December 23, 1839, and was a farmer for a number of years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Shumaker and was a widower.

MRS. GEORGE STILLWAGON.

Mrs. Marie Adams Stillwagon, 51 years old, wife of George Stillwagon, died suddenly Sunday at 9:45 o'clock at her home, 334 East Crawford avenue, from heart trouble. She had been in her usual health until about a half hour previous to her death. A physician was summoned but death resulted soon after his arrival. Mrs. Stillwagon was born in Baldwin township, August 17, 1870, a daughter of George and Mary Adams. She was married to George Stillwagon in 1891. She was the mother of 11 children, eight surviving as follows: Mrs. A. O. Brill of Kingston, W. Va.; Mrs.

George McDuffert of Scottdale, Mr. Arthur Kallvage of Erie; Charles P. Donald, Robert, Newell and Ramon, all at home. Her husband, two sisters, Mrs. C. C. Collins of Hecla, and Mrs. Weldon Baker of South Connelville and a brother, John Adams, Duquesne, also survive. Deceased children are Emma Lou, Anna Roberts and Sam Clark-Stillwagon. The latter died 20 months ago. Having resided in Connelville all her life Mrs. Stillwagon had formed a wide acquaintance in the community and was highly esteemed by her friends.

WILLIS WALKER.

Willis Walker, 16 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Walker of South Arch street, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at his home. He suffered an attack of influenza last October but was apparently in his usual health until he was stricken with heart trouble which proved fatal. Prior to his death he was able to go about the house for several days. Deceased was a freshman in the Connelville high school and was popular among his classmates as well as his many other friends. His parents and the following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. Charles Musgrave, Scottdale; Mrs. John Walker, Marietta; Mrs. Lewis Cornish, Canton; and Henrietta and Eleanor Walker, at home. A sister, Araminta, is dead.

MRS. WILLIAM SWARTZ.

Mrs. Prudence Swartz died Sunday at her home on the New Salem road from complications of rheumatism. She was born December 1, 1852, a daughter of Ellis R. and Mary Ann Woodward, and was married to William Swartz December 18, 1870. She is survived by her husband, five children, Mrs. Albert Vanger of New Salem; Mrs. John Phillips of Haddonville; William, residing near home, and Mrs. Mont Martin and Paul, at home; three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Vance of Uniontown; Mrs. Lydia Horner of East Millsboro, and Mrs. Sarah Hollander of Farmington, and two brothers, Charles Woodward of New Salem and Felix Woodward of Uniontown.

MRS. NANCY MCCARTHEY.

Mrs. Nancy McCarty died Sunday night at her home in Uniontown. She is survived by three sisters and three brothers.

CHARLES GLESSNER.

Charles Glessner, who was fatally injured in the coal mine last Tuesday, died in the Somerset hospital Wednesday morning. His remains were brought to his late home by Undertaker W. C. Price. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Uniontown church. Rev. Dr. A. E. Truxa, former pastor, will officiate. Interment was in the Union cemetery. Mr. Glessner was well-known and highly esteemed in Meyersdale. He is survived by his widow and three children, namely, Conrad Glessner of Connelville; Miss Lydia and Miss Elizabeth, at home. Two brothers, Rev. A. S. Glessner of Connelville, and Peter of Meyersdale and one sister, Miss Ella Glessner of Meyersdale, also survive.

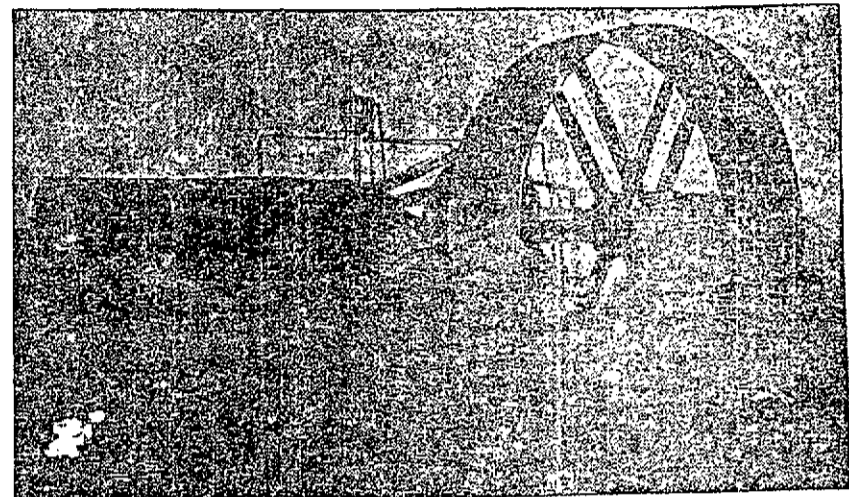
GEORGE G. LYON.

George G. Lyon, 63 years old, a former well-known resident of Fayette county, died Wednesday at his home in Washington, Pa. He had been in invalid for the past two years and his condition had been serious for several days. Mr. Lyon was born at Connelville, Pa., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lyon, and spent his boyhood days there. He resided at Connelville at one time and

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was a former manager of the Union Supply Company store at Juniata. He was twice married and is survived by three children, Miss Eva and Mrs. J. R. Conner of Washington, and Fred Lyon of Pittsburg to the first union and George and James Lyon of Washington, to the second. Two sisters, Mrs. L. V. Marshall of San Diego, Cal. formerly of Connelville; Mrs. D. P. Beardsley of Webster, Pa. and two brothers, R. C. Lyon of Connelville and W. S. Lyon of Killbuck Park, also survive. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. J. A. Lyon of East Crawford avenue. Mr. Lyon resided at Washington 15 years ago. He was a member of the Baptist church and had a wide circle of friends in Connelville.

JOHN MONAGHAN.

John Monaghan, 70 years old, a well-known resident of Nemacolin, Greene county, died Thursday night at his home of asthma with which he suffered for many years. He is survived by the following children: James of Lancaster, Edward, William and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy of Nemacolin; Patrick of Allegheny; David Williams; Mrs. Cyril Quinlan of Monessen and Mrs. George Dine of Republic.

A. R. PICK.

A. R. Pick dropped dead last Friday at his home in Uniontown. He had complained of feeling ill for the past several days and died an hour after he had returned home from the office of a Uniontown physician.

ROSS WIRSING.

Ross Wirsing, 72 years old, died Friday morning at his home near Clark Hill.

FRANK FISHER.

Frank Fisher died Friday at his home at Wynn Works.

JOHN DEVLIN.

John Devlin, 40 years old, a former member of the John Anderson Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars at Farrell, died Wednesday at his home at Farrell of pneumonia. He was born in Ireland and after coming to this country settled in Connelville. In 1893 he enlisted in the regular army and served throughout the Spanish-American war. He was also in China with the Marines during the Boxer uprising. After receiving his discharge he

Mrs. G. Robert Hanley of Connelville, was born in addition to his wife and daughter, Mr. Bengel is survived by the following: brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. H. Reagan of Pittsburg; Mrs. Helen Beck and N. Bengel, both of Connelville; O. Samuel Bengel of Los Angeles, Cal.; Conrad Bengel of San Francisco, Cal.; Edward Bengel of Connelville, Ind.; Edw. Bengel of Connelville.

Mr. Bengel resided in Connelville in the year of about 15 years and continued to reside here until death. Of late he was employed at the West Penn. Co. He was a man of friendly character and was respected and admired by all who knew him. He was a devout member of Trinity Lutheran church and of the Men's Bible Class.

WILLIAM R. KIGER.

William R. Kiger, 31 years old, died Tuesday night at his home at Smithfield, where he was born and spent all his life. His widow and father survive.

MRS. LAURA B. EMMERT.

FOURMERT, Nov. 30.—Mrs. Laura B. Emmert, 29 years old, wife of Daniel B. Emmert of West Catherine street, died Monday morning at her home. She is survived by her husband and three children. Mrs. Emmert was a daughter of the late Norman and Laura Beck of Johnstown.

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